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SUBJECT: VESCO IN COSTA RICA

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1. A LA NACION REPORTER PHOTOGRAPHED ROBERT VESCO LZJNA SAN JOSE RESTAURANT ON AUGUST 18. ACCORDING TO A SECOND-PAGE STORY WITH PICTURES, VESCO OFFERED TO POSE FOR PICTURES IF THE PAPER REGAINED FROM PUBLISHING PHOTOS OF HIS WIFE AND FAMILY. VESCO WAS REPORTEDLY ALSO ACCOMPANIED BY A SECRETARY AND A BODYGUARD. THE STORY DEALT MAINLY WITH DESCRIBING VESCO AND HIS PARTY, BUT THE SECRETARY REPORTEDLY TOLD THE REPORTER THAT VESCO WAS LEAVING THE COUNTRY ON THAT DAY (AUGUST 18).

2. THIS IS THE SECOND PUBLIC REFERENRS TO VESCO'S PRESENCE IN COSTA RICA SINCE EMBASSY REPORTED HIS DEPARTURE ON AUGUST 8 (REFTEL). THE EARLIER REFERENCE OCCURRED IN LA NACION ON AUGUST 15 WHEN THE PAPER PUBLISHED A NOTE FROM GERARDO FERNANDEZ DURAN, FAMOUS FOR HAVING OBTAINED THE FIGUERES MANUSCRIPT OF VESCO'S MARCH 6 SPEECH, WHICH PROVIDED SOME DETAILS SURROUNDING ALLEGED MEETINGS BETWEEN FIGUERES AND VESCO ON AUGUST 5 AND 8. DURAN REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED THE TIME, PLACE, AND PARTICIPANTS (DANILO JIMENEZ VIEGA AND JOSE MARTI FIGUERES, RESPECTIVELY, FIGUERES' SON-IN-LAW AND SON) INVOLVED IN
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THESE TWO MEETINGS.

3. DSRHLG A MEETING AUGUST 20 BETWEEN AMBASSADOR VAKY
AND FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO, THE LATTER SAID HE HAD NO
KNOWLEDGE OF VESCO BEING IN THE COUNTRY. VAKY

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